



General Assembly

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LCO No. **1345**

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT EXPANDING DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The Commissioner of Mental
2 Retardation shall expand the services of the Department of Mental
3 Retardation to: (1) Ensure that the caseloads of case managers do not
4 exceed forty clients per manager by hiring new case managers as
5 necessary; (2) establish respite care programs in Danbury, Norwich
6 and Waterbury, to operate seven days per week; (3) establish dental
7 clinics in Newington, Putnam and Meriden for clients that do not have
8 access to quality dental care; (4) establish occupational therapy,
9 physical therapy and speech clinics at the department's regional
10 centers; (5) extend hours of operation of respite care programs to seven
11 days per week in Norwalk, Torrington, Stratford, New Haven,
12 Waterford, Meriden, Putnam and at the Newington Center; and (6)
13 increase dental services at the Southbury Training School by hiring one
14 additional dentist.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To increase services to persons with mental retardation.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]